

THE RISE AND FALL OF  
**DAVID**

His Kindness: Mephibosheth





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ISAIAH 55:9 <sup>NIV</sup>

“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”



PSALM 115:3 <sup>NET</sup>

Our God is in heaven! He does whatever He pleases!



2 SAMUEL 8:1a <sup>NIV</sup>

In the course of time, David defeated the Philistines and subdued them...



2 SAMUEL 8:6b <sup>NIV</sup>

The LORD gave David victory wherever he went.



2 SAMUEL 8:15 <sup>NIV</sup>

David reigned over all Israel, doing what was just and right for all his people.



2 SAMUEL 9:1 <sup>NIV</sup>

David asked, “Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”



2 SAMUEL 9:2-3 <sup>NIV</sup>

Now there was a servant of Saul's household named Ziba. They summoned him to appear before David, and the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?"

"At your service," he replied.

<sup>3</sup> The king asked, "Is there no one still alive from the house of Saul to whom I can show God's kindness?"

Ziba answered the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is lame in both feet."



2 SAMUEL 4:4 <sup>NIV</sup>

(Jonathan, son of Saul, had a son who was lame in both feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel. His nurse picked him up and fled, but as she hurried to leave, he fell and became disabled. His name was Mephibosheth.)



2 SAMUEL 9:4-6a <sup>NIV</sup>

“Where is he?” the king asked.

Ziba answered, “He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar.”

<sup>5</sup> So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel.

<sup>6</sup> When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor.



2 SAMUEL 9:6b-7 NIV

David said, “Mephibosheth!”

“At your service,” he replied.

<sup>7</sup> “Don’t be afraid,” David said to him, “for I will surely show you **kindness** for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table.”



# JONATHAN

1 SAMUEL 20:14-15 <sup>NIV</sup>

“But show me unfailing kindness like the LORD’s kindness as long as I live, so that I may not be killed, <sup>15</sup> and do not ever cut off your kindness from my family—not even when the LORD has cut off every one of David’s enemies from the face of the earth.”



# JONATHAN

1 SAMUEL 20:42 <sup>NIV</sup>

Jonathan said to David, “Go in peace, for we have sworn friendship with each other in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘The LORD is witness between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants forever.’” Then David left, and Jonathan went back to the town.



# SAUL

1 SAMUEL 24:20-21 <sup>NIV</sup>

“I know that you will surely be king and that the kingdom of Israel will be established in your hands. <sup>21</sup> Now swear to me by the LORD that you will not kill off my descendants or wipe out my name from my father’s family.”



2 SAMUEL 9:8 <sup>NIV</sup>

Mephibosheth bowed down and said, “What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?”



2 SAMUEL 9:9-10 <sup>NIV</sup>

Then the king summoned Ziba, Saul's steward, and said to him, "I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. <sup>10</sup> You and your sons and your servants are to farm the land for him and bring in the crops, so that your master's grandson may be provided for. And Mephibosheth, grandson of your master, will always eat at my table." (Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.)



## 2 SAMUEL 9:11-13 <sup>NIV</sup>

Then Ziba said to the king, “Your servant will do whatever my lord the king commands his servant to do.” So Mephibosheth ate at David’s table like one of the king’s sons.

<sup>12</sup> Mephibosheth had a young son named Mika, and all the members of Ziba’s household were servants of Mephibosheth.

<sup>13</sup> And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem because he always ate at the king’s table; he was lame in both feet.



**David kept his promises,  
extending love and grace  
to Mephibosheth.  
GOD HAS DONE THE  
SAME FOR US.**

EPHESIANS 2:8-9 <sup>NIV</sup>

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—  
and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—  
<sup>9</sup> not by works so that no one can boast.



**David took Mephibosheth  
from a barren place and gave  
him a seat at the king's table.**

**GOD HAS DONE THE SAME  
FOR US.**

ROMANS 8:16-17 <sup>NIV</sup>

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. <sup>17</sup> Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory.

GALATIANS 3:29 <sup>NIV</sup>

If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.



**David adopted  
Mephibosheth as  
one of his own.**  
GOD HAS DONE THE  
SAME FOR US.

1 JOHN 3:1a <sup>NIV</sup>

See what great love the Father has lavished on us,  
that we should be called children of God! And that  
is what we are!



I AM MEPHIBOSHETH



# COMMUNION

*God's grace for you.*